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1. SINCE APRIL 25 COUP IN PORTUGAL, WE HAVE MAINTAINED A
STRICT HANDS-OFF POLICY TOWARDS THE ASPIRATIONS OF ANY OF
THE MANY LIBERATION GROUPS OPERATING IN PORTUGUESE-SPEAK-
ING AFRICAN TERRITORIES. THIS HAS BEEN THE CASE WITH
REGARD BOTH TO AREAS OF ONE-PARTY PREDOMINANCE (E.G. PAIGC
IN GUINEA-BISSAU AND FRELIMO IN MOZAMBIQUE) AS WELL AS IN
AREAS OF MULTI-PARTY CONFLICT, E.G. ANGOLA. WE SEE NO COM-
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PELLING REASON TO AMEND THIS POLICY WITH REGARD TO MLSTP,

EVEN THOUGH IT MAY WELL PROVE TO BE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE.

2. THIS DOES NOT, HOWEVER, PRECLUDE CONTACT WITH MLSTP REPRESENTATIVES AT UP TO CHIEF OF MISSION LEVEL. WE ARE AWARE THAT FROM GEOGRAPHIC STANDPOINT LIBREVILLE WOULD SEEM TO BE NATURAL POINT OF CONTACT WITH MLSTP. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT WISH RESTRICT CONTACTS TO LIBREVILLE NOR GIVE MLSTP OR ANYONE ELSE IMPRESSION THAT LIBREVILLE IS OUR CHOSEN VENUE FOR DEALINGS WITH GROUP. IF ASKED, EMBASSY MAY THUS STATE TO MLSTP REPRESENTATIVES THAT IT WELCOMES CONTINUED CONTACT BUT THAT USG WILLING LISTEN TO MLSTP

REPRESENTATIVES ELSEWHERE AS WELL.

3. WE HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY WITH SUGGESTION THAT US INTEREST IN ISLANDS' FUTURE SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO MLSTP. OUR PRINCIPAL INTEREST AT THIS STAGE IS THAT DECOLONIZATION OF PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN TERRITORIES, WHICH WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE, PROCEED PEACEFULLY TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH EITHER PACE OF DECOLONIZATION OR CHOICE OF INSTRUMENT SELECTED TO ACHIEVE IT. WE THUS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY APPROACH TO MLSTP IS DESIRABLE ALTHOUGH, AS INDICATED ABOVE, WE WILLING LISTEN TO REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY LIBERATION GROUP AND EXPLAIN OUR POLICY TO THEM. KISSINGER

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